



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
CAP Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: December 13, 2017

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: Dec. 13, 2017 Time: 2:07 AM

Location of Offense/Incident: 100 N. Harris Avenue

Zone: 3 Precinct: 19

Incident Report #: 171072030

Cruiser District: 192

Victim: Jason Andrew Collins (deceased)	Sex: M	Race: W	Age: 32
Victim: Joseph Richard Collins Jr.	Sex: M	Race: W	Age: 35
Victim:	Sex:	Race:	Age:

Suspect: Harry Lee Lathon Jr.	Address: 1899 Minnesota Avenue	43211
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: M	Race: B Age: 23
Charges: Aggravated Murder (2903.01B)		
Suspect:	Address:	
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Incident Summary: On December 13, 2017, at approximately 2:07 a.m., Columbus Police Officers were called to 100 N. Harris Avenue on the report of a double shooting. Upon arrival, officers located a male victim, later identified as Jason Collins, inside the residence suffering from a gunshot wound. Officers also found another male victim inside the residence, later identified as Joseph Collins Jr., also suffering from a gunshot wound. CFD Medic 17 responded to the scene, pronounced Jason Collins deceased at 2:18 a.m., and then transported Joseph Collins Jr. to Mt. Carmel West Hospital in serious, but stable condition. Investigation indicates that the suspect(s) forcibly entered the residence in an apparent home invasion before shooting the victims. Suspect(s) were seen leaving the area after the shooting in a late model White Honda Odyssey. Detectives have identified Harry Lee Lathon Jr. as a suspect in the murder of Jason Collins and the shooting of Joseph Collins Jr. and have filed Aggravated Murder charges against Mr. Lathon, who is not currently in custody. Mr. Lathon's whereabouts are unknown and he should be considered armed and dangerous.

The investigation continues. ***Suspect photo not released by detectives for investigatory purpose***
This is the 131st Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2017. Incident #171072030.
Detective Glen Siniff is the lead detective assisted by Detective Dave Dennison.
Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call the Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS.

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